

**CANCELLATION OF THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-8.

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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-8 (canceled)

9. (ORIGINAL) A fishing tool comprising:

a. a shaft having:

- (1) a handle end,
- (2) an opposing tip end,
- (3) a container base arm,
- (4) a strap cleat spaced from the base arm,
- (5) a strap extending through the strap cleat, and
- (6) an attachment slot passing through the shaft, the attachment slot being dimensioned to receive the strap therein;

whereby the strap may be wrapped about an object to affix the object to the shaft;  
and

b. a plurality of different tips, each tip being interchangeably attachable to the tip end.

10. (ORIGINAL) The tool of claim 9 wherein the shaft is ruled, whereby the tool may be used for measuring purposes.

11. (ORIGINAL) The tool of claim 9 wherein hooks are spaced along the shaft.

12. (ORIGINAL) The tool of claim 9 wherein the shaft is between about three feet tall and five feet tall.
13. (ORIGINAL) The tool of claim 9 wherein:
- a. the tip end has an attachment hole and the tips each have a toggle hole,
  - b. attachment of one of the tips on the tip end adjacently aligns the toggle hole of the tip and the attachment hole, allowing passage of a fastener through the attachment hole and the toggle hole to fasten the tip to the tip end.
14. (ORIGINAL) The tool of claim 9 wherein the tips include:
- a. a chipping tip having an interior pocket adapted to complementarily receive the tip end therein, and a chisel opposite the pocket; and
  - b. a base tip having an interior pocket adapted to complementarily receive the tip end therein, and an enlarged planar base opposite the pocket.
15. (ORIGINAL) The tool of claim 9 wherein the tips include:
- a. a pick tip having an interior pocket adapted to complementarily receive the tip end therein, and an elongated tip opposite the pocket; and
  - b. a gaff tip having an interior pocket adapted to complementarily receive the tip end therein, and a curved hook opposite the pocket.

16. (ORIGINAL) A fishing tool comprising:

a. a shaft having:

- (1) ruled calibrations on the shaft, whereby the calibrations can be used for measuring objects,
- (2) a handle end,
- (3) an opposing tip end,
- (4) a base arm,
- (5) a strap cleat spaced from the base arm,
- (6) a strap extending through the strap cleat,
- (7) an attachment slot passing through the shaft, the attachment slot being dimensioned to receive the strap therein;

whereby the strap may be wrapped about an object abutting the base arm to affix the object to the shaft;

b. a plurality of different tips, each tip being interchangeably attachable to the tip end.

17. (ORIGINAL) The tool of claim 14 wherein:

- a. the tip end has an attachment hole and the tips have a toggle hole,
- b. attachment of one of the tips on the tip end adjacently aligns the attachment hole of the tip end and the toggle hole, allowing passage of a fastener through the attachment hole and the toggle hole to fasten the tip to the tip end.

18. **(ORIGINAL)** The tool of claim 14 wherein the tips include:
- a. a chipping tip having an interior pocket adapted to complementarily receive the tip end therein, and a chisel opposite the pocket;
  - b. a base tip having an interior pocket adapted to complementarily receive the tip end therein, and an enlarged planar base opposite the pocket;
  - c. a pick tip having an interior pocket adapted to complementarily receive the tip end therein, and an elongated tip opposite the pocket; and
  - d. a gaff tip having an interior pocket adapted to complementarily receive the tip end therein, and a curved hook opposite the pocket.
19. **(ORIGINAL)** The tool of claim 14 wherein hooks are spaced along the shaft.
20. **(ORIGINAL)** The tool of claim 14 wherein the shaft is between about three feet tall and five feet tall.